**Notice of Availability and Public Meetings:**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for**

**Replacement Robley Rex VA Medical Center**

**Louisville, Kentucky**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Replacement Robley Rex VA Medical Center (VAMC). VA proposes to construct and operate a campus to replace the existing Robley Rex VAMC, Veterans Benefits Administration office, and three community-based outpatient clinics in Louisville, KY. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, VA has prepared a Draft EIS that analyzes the potential impacts of three alternatives for this proposal:

* Alternative A - Construction and operation of a replacement VAMC campus at the ‘‘Brownsboro Site’’ at 4906 Brownsboro Road, Louisville
* Alternative B – Construction and operation of a replacement VAMC campus at the ‘‘St. Joseph Site,’’ on a parcel located east of I–265 and south of Factory Lane, Louisville.
* Alternative C – No action (continuing operation from existing facilities)

Interested parties are invited to participate in either an afternoon or evening public meeting summarizing the results of the Draft EIS:

Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 12:00 – 2:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Christ Church United Methodist Church

4614 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40207

Displays and handouts will be available for review, as well as forms for written comments. Verbal and written public comments will be accepted at the public meetings.

You may also submit written comments on the Draft EIS through December 12, 2016, online at www.Louisville-EIS.com, by email to LouisvilleReplacementHospitalComments@va.gov, or by regular mail to Robley Rex VAMC, Replacement VAMC Activation Team Office (Attn: Judy Williams), 800 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206. Please refer to “Replacement Robley Rex VA Medical Center” in any correspondence.

The Draft EIS is available for public review online at www.louisville.va.gov/newmedicalcenter/ and at the Westport, St. Matthew Eline, and Main Branches of the Louisville Public Library system.

If you have any questions, please contact VA by email to LouisvilleReplacementHospitalComments@va.gov, or by mail to Robley Rex VAMC, Replacement VAMC Activation Team Office (Attn: Judy Williams), 800 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206.